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Dear Dr. Cane:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service has completed an on-site audit of Argentina's meat inspection system. The audit was conducted from March 27 to April 19, 2001. Argentina did not provide any comments in response to the draft final audit report. Enclosed is a copy of the final audit report.

If you have any questions regarding the audit or need additional information, please contact me at 202-720-3781. My fax number is 202-690-4040. My email address is sally.stratmoen@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

Dr. Bernardo Cane

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